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BBMP plans to hire 10 management consultants to help mitigate disasters. We just hope they can help the city before disaster strikes rather than be an aftermath response team

CALAMITY CONTROL

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Bengaluru is prone to floods. Heavy rain for one hour is sufficient to cause havoc in the city. As if the multitudes of officials, departments and authorities are not enough to deal with disasters, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has decided to now have a team of consultants to suggest measures to prevent or mitigate effects of extreme events. While a few experts have welcomed this move, most agree that the consultants should focus more on preventive measures and some also wonder why the BBMP is hiring these hands.

The BBMP Traffic Engineering Cell has issued a notice for the second time inviting applications to recruit two grade-1 and eight grade-2 disaster

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“Without any clarity about the deliverables, even recruitments by KSDMA and KSNDMC are opaque. In this light, when BBMP recruits disaster management experts, it becomes even more murky

—Nagesh Aras, an environmentalist

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Fare or unfair

Transport Dept to crack down on private bus operators, who plan to rake in the moolah as a long weekend beckons



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2 THINGS TO DO



01 Betrayal scenes

With its successful shows in Mumbai and Delhi, Aadyam Theatre is coming to Bengaluru for the first time. This theatre initiative by Aditya Birla Group will be presenting 'Betrayal', a masterful play written by Harold Pinter. The production is directed by Rachel D'Souza. **Where:** Ranga Shankara; **When:** today (7:30 pm); tomorrow (3:30 pm and 7:30 pm)



02 Notes of music

If you are a music enthusiast and interested in improving your voice quality, then you can join the upcoming Voice Analysis Workshop. The training is meant for those committed to refining their vocal prowess. You can also engage yourself in group sessions. **Where:** IME Museum, JP Nagar 7th Phase; **When:** September 23-24; 10 am-6 pm, registration: indianmusicexperience.org

Principals meet

Over 200 principals from schools across the city attended the Times NIE Principals' Seminar on 'Digital Transformation of Societies', held in association with Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology in the city on Thursday. Listen to students and learn from them, because they can see what we cannot. They may ask irreverent questions; let them do so because it could be the start of something novel. Students can think miles ahead, even if they do not have the



experience that teachers have. This message from Founder Director, IIIT-Bengaluru, Prof S Sadagopan found resonance with principals at the event. Director of Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology, Padmakumar Nair, felt teachers must help students realise and understand that education is meant for self-knowledge, achieving intellectual freedom, and seeking excellence. -BMB

Extra pricing of tickets: 'That's not done at all'

Transport Department receives complaints from public regarding excess fare increase by private bus operators; decides to take action today onwards

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The transport department has started a crackdown on private bus operators charging exorbitant prices due to the festival season. Private transport unions contested the move, stating that there is no precedent for limiting pricing on luxury buses.

Often, bus fares shoot up during festival season and weekends, making commuting difficult and expensive. Now, the Karnataka Transport Department has started a crackdown on such buses.

The Transport Department issued a press statement on Thursday stating that the department has received many complaints from the public regarding excess fare increases by private bus operators. It further urged the operators not to increase the fare due to festivals and weekends and thereby inconvenience passengers. The department has warned the operators of legal action for failing to abide by their instructions.

"We are taking action against bus operators charging excessive

fares in the form of surge pricing. Operators cannot charge passengers beyond the fare fixed by us. We took action against a few buses, but the crackdown will begin. We are planning to take it mainly today and tomorrow owing to the time period when maximum people commute," said Yogesh AM, Transport Commissioner.

According to the private bus operator union, nearly 30 buses were fined on Wednesday for the same reason. They also challenged that move by the department, stating that RTO did not have any right to stop these vehicles as per the Motor Vehicles Act.

"No rule inside the Act stops luxury buses from increasing their fares. Government buses cost Rs 40-50 lakh, while luxury segment buses cost at least Rs 1.5 crore. Luggage up to 20kg should also be permitted, not fined. The officials are harassing the bus drivers while no action is taken against the bus aggregators that actually shoot up the prices. Around 30-40 vehicles were stopped, and action was taken against them. Officials are penalising Rs 4,000-5,000 per vehicle. RTO officials need to disclose under what provision



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action is being taken," said Nataraj Sharma, President of Karnataka Private Bus Operators.

Meanwhile, activists say that the policy should be fair and uniformity should be brought in when it comes to ticket pricing.

A city-based activist, Sandeep

Anirudhan, said, "Private transport operators have started their own version of surge pricing. There should be a fare policy, and it should be uniform. Airlines are charging surge prices; all private bus operators are charging surge prices, including the Indian Railways for tatkal tickets.

When the government and every private company are charging surge prices, how can we just ask bus operators alone to not charge surge pricing? Surge pricing is consumer exploitative and speculative. But either all are regulated or market forces need to be in play."

PETA urges responsible pet choices

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Supporters from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India, clad in pug costumes and equipped with oxygen masks, came together at the World War Memorial. Their mission was to alert citizens about the plight of brachycephalic dogs, such as pugs, whose flat faces lead to severe breathing difficulties and often necessitate life-altering surgeries. PETA India emphasised the moral imperative to avoid purchasing these breeds and opt for adoption instead.

Atharva Deshmukh, Campaigns Coordinator for PETA India, said, "Breeders deliberately breed dogs with deformed faces and airways that shorten their lives and cause a multitude of health problems, just to achieve a particular look. We encourage those with the time, patience, love, and resources to welcome a dog into their home to stop buying dogs with debilitating deformities from breeders and pet stores and instead adopt desi



Supporters from PETA in pug costumes at World War Memorial

dogs, who are known for their loving nature, from an animal shelter."

According to PETA, pugs, along with other breathing impaired breeds (BIB) like French and English bulldogs, Pekingese, Boston terriers, boxers, Cavalier King Charles spaniels, and shih tzu, are plagued by a distressing and sometimes fatal condition known as brachycephalic syndrome. This syndrome forces them to endure constant panting,

snorting, wheezing, and the daily struggle to simply breathe. Even basic activities like chasing a ball, running, playing, and going for a walk become arduous tasks for these animals, depriving them of the joys that make a dog's life fulfilling.

PETA India had even reached out to Parshottam Rupala, the Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, to amend the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Dog Breeding and Marketing) Rules, 2017, with the aim of prohibiting the breeding of such animals.

Other countries like Norway and the Netherlands have taken steps to restrict the breeding of flat-faced dogs, with the Netherlands considering banning the ownership and use of these breeds in advertising.

They also raised awareness about the rampant illegality in most pet shops and breeding operations, which often operate without registration with their respective state animal welfare boards. "These establishments typically deny dogs proper veterinary care, while simultaneously contributing to the growing crisis of animal overpopulation," he added.

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Affordable cycling solution

Cycling enthusiasts push for safer commutes with dedicated cycle lanes in city

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Cycling is said to be the most economical and accessible solution for addressing first and last-mile connectivity issues. A video showcasing Hyderabad's 23 km cycling track, the country's first, has gained attention on social media. Cyclists in Bengaluru believe a dedicated cycle track network is crucial for the city.

Bicycle Mayor of Bengaluru, Sathya Sankaran, pointed out that it is one of the significant initiatives carried forward by the Telangana government, and he has decided even to approach the Karnataka government to come up with a dedicated cycle like this in the city.

Sankaran said, "The cycle track in Hyderabad looks perfect. They have made an ideal start, and I hope Hyderabad uses the cycle track well. There are a lot of potential opportunities in Bengaluru as well. I am asking the state government if they would like to do a similar project in the city. We have ample space in Whitefield, Electronic City or even Outer Ring Road; if we create an infrastructure like this and have a permanent cycling track, many people near the apartment complexes and workplaces in these regions can easily access the cycling track. The idea is to create a network that will help people reach out from one place to another quickly and safely. There will need to be more than one or two kilometres of cycling track to serve the purpose. The cycle tracks require minimal space; we can create the space if the authorities are willing to do it."



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According to reports, the track developed by Hyderabad Growth Corridor Limited (HGCL) is the first in the country and second in the world. It is covered with a solar roof with an installed capacity of 16 MW for a 21-km stretch. The entire project is an improvised version of the South Korean cycle track project between Daejeon and Sejong.

Aravind Mohan, another cyclist, said, "Cycling tracks are very much required in Bengaluru. Unlike any other city in India, Bengaluru is blessed with amazing weather throughout the year. Hence, it's a city best suited for commuting by cycle. Given the traffic conditions in the city, cycling and walking are

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the best ways to commute inside the city. Dedicated cycling tracks across the length and breadth of the city will promote commuting by cycle. It will provide safety to cyclists. Having solar rooftops for the cycle tracks will be the cherry on the cake, as it will help the cyclists to ride even if

it is raining. Entry and exit of Cycle tracks should be made in such a way that motorcyclists won't be able to ride through them."

A regular cyclist said, "Cycle lanes are essential for cyclists as it is their right of way. Although there are cycle lanes in Bengaluru, they deteriorate over time and are consistently encroached upon."

The cycle lane in Hyderabad appears very promising, and Bengaluru certainly needs a similar cycle lane. As there is a continuous comparison between Bengaluru and Hyderabad regarding infrastructure projects, it is high time that Bengaluru also receives a cycle lane like the one in Hyderabad soon."

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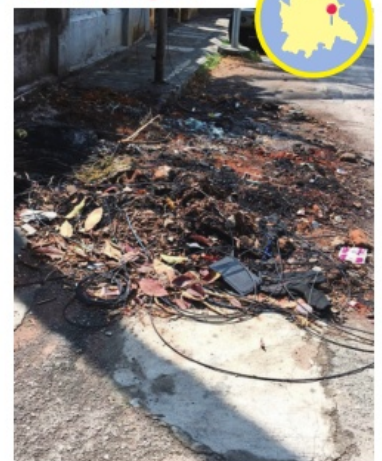
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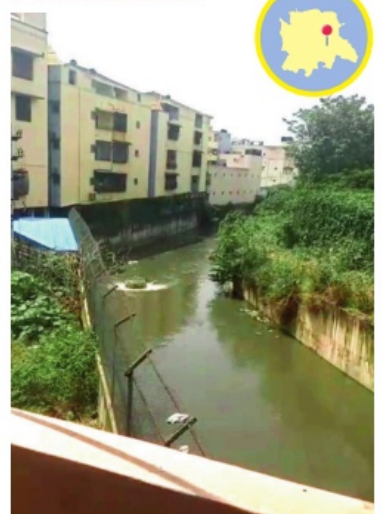
The footpath near Old Madras Road bus stop, opposite BMRL Admin office, has been in a potentially dangerous situation for months, seeking immediate attention.

Garbage trouble Victoria Layout



Garbage burning on Palmgrove Cross Road, Victoria Layout, remains unaddressed despite multiple complaints demanding action.

Pollution alert Doddanekundi



Untreated UGD sewage from Doddanekundi is being discharged into Rajakaluve, Marathahalli.

HBR Layout service road: Dumped upon, damaged, disturbed

Residents demand urgent clean up, road restoration as dumping woes persist in 3rd Block

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In another BBMP mishap, a service road in HBR Layout has been transformed into a dumping ground. According to residents, several truckloads of silt were initially dumped on the road, which later turned into a full-fledged dump yard. The road at 10th Cross in the 3rd block, HBR Layout, has become inaccessible to residents due to excessive debris. The situation remains unresolved despite numerous complaints, and residents call for urgent improvement.

"A stretch of road beside the 80 feet road running on one side of the stormwater drain. Initially, the drain was undergoing silt removal, and a few truckloads were dumped on the road temporarily. BBMP engineers had agreed for a few days and promptly



Several truckloads of silt were initially dumped on the road, which later turned into a dump yard

removed it. But it initiated a practice of continuous dumping on the road. The grill on the stormwater drain was also damaged, and muck started entering the drain. Now, buses and trucks have been parked. We want BBMP officials to

clear the road and build a fully asphalted road," said Prasanna, a resident.

Due to the sudden influx of buses and trucks, there is late night time usage of the road, causing disturbance to the residents. Residents have also

started seeing an increase in accidents. But when residents began to raise the issue, they started passing the buck around. Ward engineers and Major Roads department point fingers at each other, say residents.

A senior resident, Ramanana, also physically challenged, rues about the situation. "We are facing a lot of issues on the road. Despite many complaints, dumping is happening late into the night. The earth movers continue to work and cause a lot of noise. The earth movers damaged the cables of one of the houses and had to spend Rs 60,000 to get the repairs done. Every morning, debris are being dumped regularly. Recently done storm water drain is receiving m-sand that has been dumped on the side, especially on rainy days."

Breeding bad: Animals rescued from inhuman act

FIR registered after disturbing cruelty to animals comes to light



The animals were raised in an unhygienic manner at an illegal breeding operation in Railway colony third stage

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In an alarming incident, Ganesh, a 65-year-old resident of the Railway colony third stage, was found to have unlawfully confined animals and birds in deplorable conditions. Rescuers, including Hima Prasad, Asha Robert, and Lumeena, were alerted to the situation by a concerned resident. Upon investigation, they discovered that Ganesh was an illegal breeder who had subjected two dogs, one cat, four calves and goats, roosters, chickens, and a parakeet to horrific living conditions.

The animals were kept in filthy enclosures, covered in excrement from dogs, cows, and goats. They were reportedly not provided food or water, resulting in severe malnourishment and dehydration. Even during rainy weather, the dogs were left outdoors in cages. Following their rescue, an FIR was filed at Kadugondanahalli police station.

Upon arriving at the scene, Hima and Asha were shocked by the deplorable condition of the place. "We were shocked to see the place where the animals lived in such unhygienic conditions,

and the place smelled. Ganesh's family told us he was a breeder and had a mental health issue wherein he would get animals and treat them like this. The local neighbours who spoke to us stated that they had seen cases where he would dump garbage in the cages of dogs and leave them there, and they had seen animals dying as well. It was unfortunate to see the animals in such a condition. One of the pugs was bleeding from its nose, and there was a pregnant French bulldog and a Labrador that was extremely dehydrated. None of the animals looked like they were fed. The family said he would give them something to eat occasionally

or leave them in the same state," said Hima.

On September 11, KB Harish, an SPCA and PFA anti-cruelty officer member, lodged an FIR at the Kadugondanahalli police station. He said, "The place looked like it hadn't been cleaned for 8-10 months. Twelve animals were seized, including a parakeet protected under Schedule IV of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. A Persian cat was tied around its neck, and when we released it, the fur around its

neck was all gone. Some calves and goats were captured; however, as Ganesh learned that the police were coming, he shifted them to another place with the help of some outsiders. However, the rescued animals were shifted to the CUPA animal centre and Second Chance Sanctuary. The police officials were supportive and acted to the complaint."

The rescued animals are now receiving the care and attention they desperately need.

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—Hima Prasad, Rescuer

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BMTC mulls AC e-buses

App with bus ticket booking and real-time tracking to be launched on September 25

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After unsuccessful trials with Volvo and Marcopolo AC buses, the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) is now set to introduce AC electric buses. A BMTC official stated, "The non-AC electric buses have gained significant popularity in the city, with many commuters opting for green energy transportation. Hence, we aim to test the waters with AC electric buses." The BMTC plans to deploy 320 AC e-buses on a contractual basis, a move recently approved by the State cabinet.

Presently, there are 390 operational non-AC electric buses. Although these electric buses have yet to turn a profit, officials contend that their operating costs are comparatively lower than those of regular diesel buses.

As many as 800 AC Volvo buses operate under the Vajra and Vayu Vajra brands (for airport services). Vajra services primarily cater to Whitefield, Electronics City, and ORR. Sources indicate that BMTC intends to gradually phase out diesel buses and replace them with e-buses in the long run.

The number of e-buses in the city is expected to rise to 1,631. This includes the existing 390 non-AC electric buses and plans to hire 921 more e-buses. The first phase will introduce 200 e-buses in October, with the remainder joining by March 2024, totalling 1,631 non-AC electric buses. While the operation of electric buses has contributed to reduced air pollution, BMTC has not achieved the expected revenue returns. For



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—Ramalinga Reddy, Transport Minister

instance, of the 90 e-buses (nine metres in length), BMTC generates a revenue of Rs 2.04 crore. This equates to a revenue of Rs 41.34 per kilometre, while the expenditure stands at Rs 64.67 per kilometre, resulting in a loss of Rs 23.33 per kilometre. Similarly, for the 300 e-buses (12 meters long), BMTC earns Rs 40.13 per kilometre, with an expenditure of Rs 61.90 per kilometre, leading to a loss of Rs 21.77 per kilometre.

New and improved BMTC App

Tickets can be booked through the Namma BMTC app. Transport Minister N Ramalinga Reddy announced a significant update on the app, set to be launched on September 25. The revamped app will allow BMTC users to book bu

tickets conveniently via their smartphones, a feature akin to booking flight tickets. This development aims to align bus services with the expectations of tech-savvy residents in the IT city who are accustomed to accessing services via smartphones. Minister Reddy stated, "We will be releasing a new app for BMTC on September 25, similar to flight ticket booking, with options for bus passengers. Additionally, it will provide information on bus arrivals and departures, reducing the burden on conductors."

After a delay of nearly two years, BMTC introduced the 'Namma BMTC' app in April, which currently tracks 5032 buses and offers various commuter-friendly services. These include viewing nearby bus stops, planning journeys, live-tracking

buses, and locating facilities at each bus station. The fare calculator service is yet to be launched, but users can access passes through the Tummoc app. BMTC's plan to issue bus tickets through the app is in progress, although it remains unclear whether this will be integrated within the Tummoc app or as a standalone feature. It's worth noting that paper tickets may still be available for non-smartphone users.

Despite the delay, the new Namma BMTC app will soon allow passengers to track buses in real-time, plan schedules based on delays, locate nearby stops, and access various features such as a journey planner and facilities at TMCs and bus stations. The app aims to enhance the commuter experience by offering affordability, reliability, and time-planning features. Mobility experts say that the app is a game-changer that can significantly improve commuter experiences, especially with the implementation of bus priority lanes to aid schedule adherence.

Excess for this month, but a deficit for monsoon

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As the monsoon season draws to a close in Karnataka, the city of Bengaluru has witnessed a surprising turn of events. While the city in the month of September has seen excess rainfall, the South West Monsoon season has a rain deficit. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), from June 1st, during the South West Monsoon season, the rain deficit in the state stands at 19%. In North Interior Karnataka, it is at 6%, in South Interior Karnataka, it reaches 27%, and for Bengaluru City, it's at 11%.

A Prasad, a scientist from IMD pointed out that except for South Interior Karnataka, the rainfall remains within the normal range. Data shows that 22 districts in the state have experienced normal rainfall, while the rest have received less than normal.



Data shows 22 districts in state experienced normal rainfall

"For the month of September, starting from the 1st, the state has recorded an excess of 6% rainfall. The average rainfall is 7 cm, and the state has received 7.4 cm. In the coastal region, where the average rainfall should be 17.4 cm, only 13.1 cm has been received. North Interior Karnataka, with an average of 5.8 cm, received 7 cm of rainfall, and South Interior Karnataka, with an average of 6.2 cm, received 6.7 cm of rainfall. Bengaluru City has seen 20.8 cm of rainfall, with 14.8 cm received so far. The next few days may bring moderate rainfall, leading to an expectation of normal rainfall.

Some parts of Karnataka received rainfall on Wednesday, with Udupi recording the highest at seven cm, while Kollur and Bengaluru City received 2 cm of rainfall. While the monsoon has been normal in some areas, it has been weak in others. A low-pressure area in West Bengal may intensify, potentially bringing rainfall to North Interior regions from September 17th. For Bengaluru, the sky is expected to be cloudy, with some areas possibly experiencing thunderstorms in the evening. On Thursday, Bengaluru recorded a temperature of 29 degrees Celsius, and it may rise by another degree during the daytime on Friday," he said.

Wanted: Disaster control team

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management consultants. As per the Disaster Management Act 2005, every state government has to establish a district disaster management authority.

"We have issued a notice inviting applications for the posts of disaster management consultants as per the Disaster Management Act 2005. The BBMP had appointed disaster management consultants in the past but we want to establish the disaster management cell on a full-scale. Disaster management does not mean handling the situation during floods in the city," said BBMP Traffic Engineering Cell Executive Engineer.

As per the notice, the applicants should have a post-graduation degree in management, science, social science, environmental sci-

ence, Masters in Social Work, and engineering from a UGC recognised university. Two years experience is compulsory for candidates applying for the post of grade-1 disaster management consultant. The BBMP has fixed Rs 70,000 as a monthly salary. The candidates applying for the posts of grade-2 disaster management consultant should have one year experience in disaster management. A grade-2 disaster management consultant gets a salary of Rs 60,000 per month.

Environmentalists have welcomed the BBMP's decision to recruit grade-1 and grade-2 disaster management consultants. "I welcome the BBMP's decision. The suggestions or recommendations of disaster management consultants should be a precaution and preemptive in nature than an aftermath response. Efforts

should be made to ensure involvement of locals and training for locals to form neighbourhood emergency response teams (NERT), as a first responding team like in other countries would be a positive move for disaster management," said Friends of Lake co-founder V Ramprasad.

Jagadeesh Reddy of Varthur Rising said the consultants should focus on other issues like fire accidents, water distribution and quality of developmental works too. "The purpose behind appointment of disaster management consultants will be served if they focus on various social issues in Bengaluru. All of us are aware of what Bengaluru would look like if it rains heavily for more than a hour. I welcome the BBMP's initiative to appoint disaster management consultants," said Reddy.

Meanwhile, Nagesh Aras, an envi-

ronmentalist, said that disaster management is handled by the Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA) and Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) that is attached with the Revenue Department, and the BBMP does not handle disasters.

"No procedures are available for disaster management at any level of government: local (BBMP) or state. Without any clarity about the deliverables, even recruitments by KSDMA and KSNDMC are opaque. In this light, when BBMP recruits disaster management experts, it becomes even more murky. In fact, several questions stand out: Where would they be employed within BBMP? What is the current BBMP performance in that area? What is the expected benefit in the outcome after this recruitment? And how would the disaster management cell of BBMP interact with the KSDMA and KSNDMC?" said Aras.

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Exploring the hidden gem of Narada Gadda

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There are several small islands formed by rivers in Karnataka, and a few of them have been gaining attention from tourists. Among the less popular and less-traveled "mini islands" is "Narada Gadda," located in Raichur district. If you wish to explore this place, you won't



find many buses that take you there, so you'll need to arrange private transportation.

As we continued our journey towards this destination, we noticed that villages and vehicles on the road became few and far between. Eventually, we arrived at the banks of the Krishna River, where we faced a challenge on how to proceed further. Fortunately, we were informed that we needed to take a boat to cross the river.

After a short wait, a boatman arrived and offered to take us across for a fee of Rs 100. The ride was brief but exhilarating, even though we weren't provided with any life jackets. Finally, we reached Narada Gadda, a small island village located about 35 km from Raichur. Legend has it that Lord Narada performed penance in Naradagadhi, surrounded by the Krishna River that flows between Karnataka and Telangana.

To reach the temple, we had to cross the river on a coracle and walk for about a kilometre on a muddy road with only a few electrical lamp posts to guide us. The temple was small, and the locals advised us to inquire about the best time to visit. We learned that the river's water level was usually high due to the backwaters of the Jurala reservoir, and food was available at the temple.

Unfortunately, there are no buses to the area, so visitors must make their own arrangements to reach Narada Gadda. Nevertheless, exploring the area promises to be an incredible experience and a trip to remember.

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Honey-trap scam kingpin lands in police net

Police have arrested Arati Dayal, the alleged kingpin of honey trap scandal that rocked Madhya Pradesh four years ago, in Bengaluru in connection with a theft case, police said on Thursday. The accused has been arrested by Mahadevapura police following a

complaint by her roommate alleging theft of jewellery and cash worth Rs 10 lakh. The complaint was lodged on September 6 and after interrogation, the accused woman was sent to judicial custody.

The accused who was absconding in Chennai was tracked and arrested.

According to police, the accused worked as a therapist at spa centres and stayed at a colleague's room. The police got to know about her background while questioning her.

They have informed about the arrest to the Madhya Pradesh police department and are looking into her

involvement in other crimes in the city. They have also gathered information on the accused disguised as Arati, Sonu, Samantha, Agarwal in Chennai and other cities.

The honey trap scandal had come to light in 2019 when the Madhya Pradesh police had arrested the accused's associate Shweta in connection with honey trapping an engineer attached to the Indore City

Corporation. Probe revealed that the gang of Dayal targeted government officers, politicians and influential persons. The videos of politicians also came out. Dayal obtained bail from the court in 2020. The Indore bench of Madhya Pradesh High Court had recently questioned the public prosecutor on the whereabouts of the accused as she had gone off the radar.

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I, JANAKI P. Mother of JC- 332344L SUB MAJ Balasubramanian D, residing at House No 3/240, Kampuraparampil House, Pazhayannur (Post), Thrissur(Dist), Kerala - 680587 have changed my name to JANAKI P P, vide affidavit dated 14-09-2023, sworn before Notary Smt. A. Manjula

I, Patel Nikita Kantilal, w/o Mayur Ravjibhai Patel R/o #4 5th Cross, Nanjappa Garden Babusapalya, Kalyan Nagar, B'luru-560043 have Changed my Name to Nikitaben Mayur Patel for all Purposes.

I, MERLIN, Spouse of No.14397568P, Naik BENJO THOMAS, Residing at #63, Kodathi Gate, Sarjapur Road, Carmelram post, Bangalore - 560035, have changed my Name From MERLIN to MERLIN V A, Vide Affidavit dated 13-09-2023 before Notary B M C H A N D R A S H E K A R, Bangalore.

I, Chethan Manjunatha R/o 2503/42, 10th D block, 2nd stage, Rajajinagar, Bangalore 560010 have changed my name to Chethan Manjunath affidavit Dt.14/09/2023 notary Harisha G, B'luru

I, Manjunatha Vishwakarma Nallur Dakappa Achar R/o No.7, 1st cross, 3rd block, 6th main, grape garden, Thyagaraja nagar, Bangalore 560028 have changed my name to Manjunath Vishwakarma Nallur Dakappa Achar affidavit Dt.14/09/2023 notary Harisha G, B'luru

I, THOMAS AUGUSTINE R/at No.80/21 Bhanu Pride Apartment 12th Cross Kacharakannahalli Bangalore- 560084, have changed my name to AUGUSTINE T P vide affidavit dated: 14/9/2023 Before Notary V.Rajashekhara Bangalore.

I, Shabbir Yakub Nathani R/o 1052/A, 4th cross, 22nd main, 1st stage, 4th phase, Yashwanthapur, Bangalore 560022 have changed my minor son name from Mohamed Sarjil to Sarjil Shabbir Nathani affidavit Dt.13/09/2022 notary Harisha G, B'luru

I, CEMALLEGOWDARU R/at No.51, 3rd Cross, Shirdi Sai Layout, Kalume Palya, Bannerghatta, Bangalore- 560083, have change my name to SHIVA MALLU vide affidavit dated: 11/9/2023 Before Notary H.S.Sakalesh Aradhya Bangalore.

I, Anand Kumar s/o Dorai swamy raju residing in Shastri Nagar Bangalore have changed the name of my minor son Rachet A. aged about 7 yrs to Aaryamaan Rachet Raju A. for all future purposes.

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I, Anand Kumar s/o Dorai swamy raju residing in Shastri Nagar Bangalore have changed the name of my minor daughter Charvi A. aged about 13 yrs to Kaarunya Niha Raju A. for all future purposes.

I, Shabbir Yakub Nathani R/o 1052/A, 4th cross, 22nd main, 1st stage, 4th phase, Yashwanthapur, Bengaluru 560022 have changed my minor daughter name from Rinsha to Rinsha Shabbir Nathani affidavit Dt.13/09/2022 notary Harisha G, B'luru

I, Aanand Santhana Krishnan R/o No 2, 1st Floor, 4th Cross, Ramakrishna Gardens, New Bel Road, B'luru-560054 have changed my minor son name from Krishang Muruganand to Krishnaang Anand affidavit Dt.14/09/2023 notary Harisha G, B'luru

I, SHUAIB R/at No.02, 8th Cross, 5th Block, 1st Stage HBR Layout Nagawara Main Road Bangalore- 560043, have changed my name to SYED SHUAIB vide affidavit dated: 14/9/2023 Before Notary V.Rajashekhara Bangalore.

I, Altaf Basha Abdul Hafeez R/a 637, 9th Cross, 2nd Main, Vinobha Nagar, KG Halli, B'lure 560045. I have changed my name to Mohammed Altaf Vide affidavit dated 14-09-23. Sworn before notary Uday Kumar K Bangalore

I RASHIDA W/o HUSSAIN SAIFEE R/o No 19/3 Burhani Villa Gottigere Bohra Layout Bengaluru 83 have changed my name to RASHIDA SAIFEE for all purposes

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I Suresha Puttaswamy Gowda S/o, Puttaswamy Gowda R/o No 57, 8th Main, 3rd Cross, Nagendera Block Srinagar, Bengaluru 560050, have changed my name to Suresh Puttaswamy Gowda for all purposes

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I, Meghana w/o Priyankith Sridhar R/o 3704, 7th cross, B block, 2nd stage, Subramanyamagar, Bengaluru 560021 have changed my name to Meghana Kripal Das affidavit Dt.14/09/2023 notary Harisha G, B'luru

I, Raju Ansari S/o Late A.H. Ansari R/O 304A, Splendid Royale Apartment, Sector 2, HSR Layout, Bengaluru, have changed the name of my minor daughter Navisha, age 11 years to Navisha Batra.

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Alia's getaway

Glimpse of Alia Bhatt's vacation in New York

Alia Bhatt is vacationing in New York with husband Ranbir Kapoor and daughter Raha Kapoor. The actress is taking some time off after the success of her film, 'Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani'. Alia and Ranbir have been spotted posing with fans on the streets of New York. Meanwhile, they also attended the US Open. Pictures of the couple posing with a fan had gone viral on the internet.

Meanwhile, Alia has now given a glimpse into her schedule on her day off. Alia shared a video of herself relaxing in a pool in a red monokini. Arjun Kapoor commented on Alia's post, saying, "Need this schedule & this hotel in my life."

Alia also shared another selfie from her car with the backdrop of the rain-

bow. She wrote, "somewhere over the rainbow-wwww". A few days back, Alia and Ranbir were seen posing with Karisma Kapoor on the streets of New York. Karisma had shared some pictures in which her cousin Ranbir was seen giving her a peck on the cheek while Alia was all smiles. Karisma said, "New York Night Out #family."

On the work front, Alia will reportedly begin shooting her first film after the birth of her daughter, Raha. She is reportedly starring in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's 'Baiju Bawra' with Ranveer Singh. Meanwhile, Ranbir Kapoor will be next in 'Animal', which releases on December 1. It sees him alongside Rashmika Mandanna, Bobby Deol and Anil Kapoor.

— ETimes

Joyful birthday

As Bollywood actor Ayushmann Khurrana celebrates his birthday today, his wife, filmmaker and writer Tahira Kashyap, took to social media to shower him with affection and heartfelt wishes. Tahira shared heartwarming pictures capturing the couple's love on this special day. In the delightful picture, Ayushmann and Tahira are seen donning elegant ethnic attires, radiating happiness and love as they pose together.

Tahira, in particular, is captured showering her husband with kisses while Ayushmann's million-dollar



smile lights up the frames. Ayushmann looks dapper in a black kurta-pajama, Tahira dons a multi-coloured striped saree, ing grace and charm.

her heartfelt caption, Tahira Kashyap expressed her deep affection for Ayushmann, referring to him as her 'soulmate.' She playfully mentioned their late-night dancing session, stating that Ayushmann is the only one who can inspire her to dance until 4 in the morning. She affectionately referred to herself as his 'lover girl' and declared that there is simply no one like him. Ayushmann replied to her wife's adorable birthday wish, saying, "Thank you for making this birthday so special, you khoobsorat soul."

— ETimes

Film milestone

Mrunal Thakur is known for her remarkable journey, having successfully transitioned from television to films. Today, the actress marks five years in movies, and on that occasion, she opened up about her unwavering commitment to exploring new horizons in cinema. With her meteoric rise in the film industry, Mrunal Thakur has etched a unique name for herself.

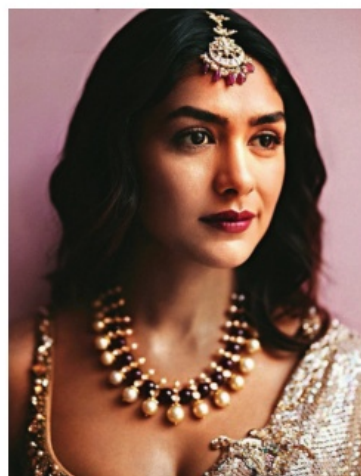
Having begun her cinematic journey with the acclaimed film 'Love Sonia',

Mrunal Thakur has come a long way, working with some of the biggest names in Hindi and South Cinema.

"I have so much more to explore," says Mrunal. She further adds, "There are numerous languages of cinema to be a part of, and so many genres that excite me. I'm ready to experiment and immerse myself in the diversity that the world of films offers. As

an actor, if you don't have the appetite to accept new challenges, find ways to reinvent the wheel, and be open to different kinds of work, you will become irrelevant too soon. I have gone from doing television to indie films, to commercial to south, have worked in 3 languages now, and have committed to keep trying things that excite me.

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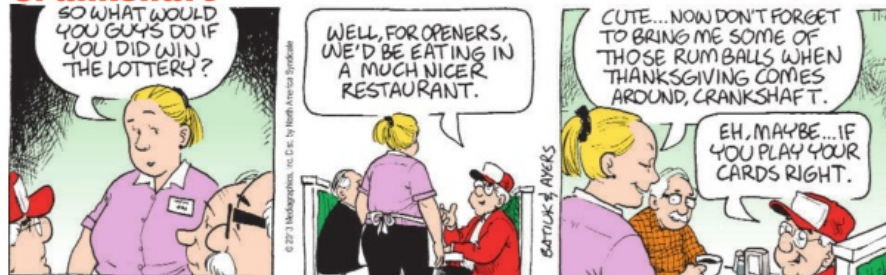
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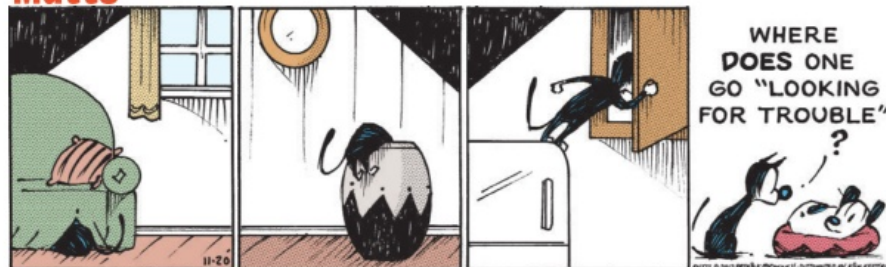
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Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

You may feel healthy today, and old health issues may be resolved. You may win some litigation and have complete control over your opponents and business rivals. Money that was previously stuck may be recovered, boosting your liquidity. You may also be given new responsibilities at work, which will benefit you in the near future.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today, you may be busy with family matters and planning your child's academics. You may spend money on buying artifacts and creative items to renovate your house. Short trips related to your child's education may be in the plan. Your child's education might be a source of concern. Avoid any addiction, as it may disrupt domestic life.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today, you are blessed by your elders, which may give you patience in your thought process. You are likely to be happy and calm. You may visit a spiritual place to seek peace of mind and consider donating some amount to support its development. There may also be chances for overseas travel.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today may be mixed. You may be busy with kids' issues, and couples may welcome a newborn baby. Those trying for a child can hear some good news. With wisdom, you may settle disputes in business and social life. Students may plan for overseas education, and jobholders may plan for higher studies to further their careers.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today, you are blessed by the moon. With courage, you may make good plans and efficiently implement them. Be cautious not to get overexcited, as it could lead to mistakes. Always read documents before signing them. Your rivals and opponents are now under control.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today, you may feel dull and experience health issues that could affect your day-to-day work. You may find yourself under a mysterious fear, making you sensitive and emotional. It is advised to avoid rush driving and adventure tours. You might also be attracted to the occult and want to visit a religious place.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today, you may feel disappointed at work and find it challenging to enjoy life. You may face some losses in property matters. It is advised to postpone investments for a while to avoid potential losses. You are also advised to take care of your parents' health.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Your old health issues may resurface today, leading to anxiety and restlessness. You may become unfocused on your goals and waste your precious time on worthless tasks. Control your spending on unnecessary items, which may affect your financial health.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today, blessings from the moon may make you happy, and you may help needy people. You are likely to analyse yourself and accept mistakes in your personal life, leading to improved faith in your relationship with your spouse and boosting confidence. Disputes between partners may be resolved now.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today, you are blessed by the moon. You will likely have inner strength, enabling you to make difficult decisions at work. You may be busy with social gatherings and expanding your network, which could benefit you. Property-related disputes with siblings are likely to be resolved now.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today, at the start of the day, you may need to focus more on your work. However, with the blessing of your elders, you may regain control over the situation. You can easily find the resources you need to complete your project. Your sources of income are likely to increase, and losses may turn into profits, boosting your financial health.



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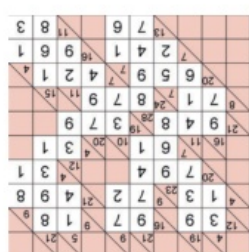
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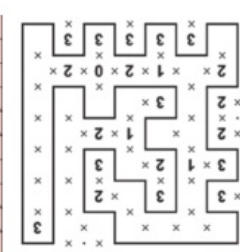
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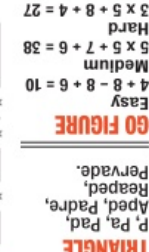
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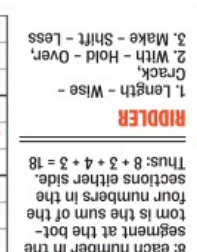
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